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APPLICANT: HARTMUT EICHINGER ART UNIT: 3635
SERIAL NO.: 09/297,237 EXAMINER: PATRICK J. CHAVEZ
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TITLE: PLAYHOUSE MADE FROM PREFABRICATED PARTS

PETITION UNDER RULE 136(a) FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION

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§1.136(a), for a three-month extension, until March 21, 2001,
in which to file a Response to the outstanding Office Action,
dated September 21, 2000, for the above-identified patent
application. The shortened statutory period for response
expired on December 21, 2000. The requisite fee of \$445.00
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Respectfully submitted,

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